

## CAPITAL DRAWS EDUCATED WOMEN

Miss Janet Richards, Lecturer, Declares City Magnet for Intellectuals.

### CHARMS HERE ARE MANY

Women of Washington Have Unparalleled Freedom, Going and Coming Alone with Safety.

By MARY MARSHALL.

Did you ever stop to think that although Washington is a city where men gather from all sections of the country and from all countries of the world, it is eminently a woman's city? Give a woman of independence, enough income to support herself, a general interest in the things of the day and no special ties anywhere, and it's 10 to 1 she will gravitate to Washington. There is no city in the country that holds out so many inducements for independent, thoroughly educated American women of the intellectual type as Washington, and there's no city in the country where you'll find so many of just this type of women.

A day or so before Miss Janet Richards' departure for the West I asked her how it was that she happened to select Washington as her headquarters—Janet Richards, who has not infrequently been called Washington's most representative woman citizen.

She smiled as she said: "I rejoice to answer that a kind Providence led my dear parents to choose it for me, coming here to reside when I was too small to remember any other home. Thus I have grown up in the nation's Capital, loving it with as keen a devotion as any native, and feeling as lively a pride in its gradual development towards becoming the City Beautiful."

#### City Has Distinctive Charm.

"Having spent ten long vacations in Europe," Miss Richards continued, "covering in all a period of several years—including repeated visits to most of the European capitals—I feel I can only say without fear of contradiction that Washington not only compares favorably with any of the capitals of the old world, but in several respects possesses a charm all her own which no other can surpass. If, indeed, equal."

"As a city of broad streets and stately avenues, radiating from many ornamental centers called 'circles,' and overarched by unrivaled lines of beautiful trees, Washington is conceded to be unique—possessing a sort of 'overgrown-village' charm unknown to any other capital city."

"To this delightful feature of our city so distinguished a foreigner as Lord Bryce—our former British Ambassador—has paid tribute in a profusely illustrated article published in one of our leading monthly magazines. Again, the absence of manufacturing plants and unsightly smokestacks is a condition devoutly to be praised. No columns of disfiguring smoke obscure our clear skies, which, by the way, are blue and sunlit for an unusually large proportion of each year, and no heavy drays or trucks of commerce encumber our streets."

#### Flowers of City Are Many.

"And the flowers of Washington!" Here Miss Richards showed by the tone of her voice the enthusiasm that she felt. "In June the thousands upon thousands of flowering rose bushes, not to mention the climbing porch vines, wisterias and lilies that ornament innumerable homes, and the great variety of old-fashioned posies blooming in many front yards that line our streets are all a joy to behold."

"And what eulogy of Washington would be complete without mention of the miles upon miles of smooth concrete, stretching away in every direction, encircling our splendid 'speedway' and penetrating the glades and dells of lovely Rock Creek Park, making of the District of Columbia a veritable motorists' paradise."

"But what do you think of Washington as a woman's city?" I asked, scarcely being able to keep up with Miss Richards' rhapsody.

"Oh, she has always possessed special qualifications in that direction," answered Miss Richards. "There again she is unique among the capitals of the world. Even in early girlhood I remember being impressed by the greater freedom of Washington women to 'come and go' than that enjoyed by the women of other Eastern cities. In New York and Boston it was almost unheard of twenty-four years ago for young women to attend evening parties or entertainments unaccompanied by men or a chaperon. Yet in Washington, as long ago as I can remember, women and even girls have gone in groups of two or more to concerts, lectures and the theater, to club meetings and, later on, to women's banquets without exciting the slightest comment, while the good people of Baltimore in my young-girl-days held up their hands in holy horror at the very idea of women, especially young women, going out alone at night, insisting that even groups of two, three, or even four, were still alone!"

#### Women Safe on Streets.

"The fact that women were always considered safe in their coming and going in Washington and that every one accepted it as a matter of course, I have always regarded as a particularly sane and healthful sign in our community, and I still remember my gratification and sense of local pride when—more than twenty years ago—I heard Mrs. Ormiston Chant (a distinguished social welfare worker from England) make the statement on a public platform in Washington that 'she was amazed, during an investigation of street conditions in our city, between midnight and 2 a. m., not to find a single street-walker from end to end of F street or Pennsylvania avenue.' "Had you gone with me at that hour," she continued, "through Piccadilly or the London Strand you would have found those great thoroughfares fairly infested with unfortunate women."

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT, one of the principal attractions of the National Capital. It is an obelisk of Maryland marble and rises 555 feet 4 inches from the floor. The walls at the base are fifteen feet thick and taper to eighteen inches at the 500-foot mark, where the pyramidal top begins. The view from the top, reached by elevator or by a flight of 900 steps, is superb, the whole of Washington lying at the feet of the beholder, with the Potomac winding its way in the distance in either direction.



en, while your beautiful city was as quiet and deserted as a country churchyard."

"And now," continued Miss Richards, "after a recent period of alleged laxity, I am glad to observe that, thanks to the vigilance of Major Pullman, this desirable condition is restored."

"As a woman's city Washington is also notable for its many and varied educational opportunities for women, and the great number of women that have distinguished themselves (and Washington) by unusual proficiency in the learned professions—particularly as lawyers and physicians, lecturers, teachers and business women in the occupations and avocations too numerous to mention."

The very fact that several thousand

and women are, with untiring fidelity and ability, contributing invaluable services to Uncle Sam's great job of running the government—usually, by the way, at a much lower salary than men for equally valuable work—also contributes to the condition that qualifies Washington to be known as a woman's city."

"Do you think that Washington women are better informed on national politics than women of other cities?" I asked Miss Richards.

"Undoubtedly," was Miss Richards' ready reply. "And it would be more than passing strange if at the fountain head of such matters this were not the case."

"Yet I also believe that at the Congressional debates, the majority of the

women in the galleries are non-resident women who are attracted to Washington for the winter largely because of the very advantages to be enjoyed here above other cities in the study of public questions."

"On the other hand, while the resident women may be less in evidence in the halls of Congress, it is a noticeable fact that at luncheons and dinners, afternoon teas, etc., they are much more given to the discussion of live topics."

"This is, I suppose," said Miss Richards, "as it always has been and always will be, so long as the human mind is still groping and we remain in regard to so many essentials what may be termed 'in the childhood of the race.'"

## PAN-AMERICAN UNION REPORTS PERU AFFAIRS

Big Increase in Stock Exports Shown.  
Mine Tax Exemption Expires in November.

The exports of stock from Peru in 1914 were valued at \$28,558, as compared with \$39,689 in 1913. The stock exported in 1914 consisted of 3,062 head of cattle, 1,034 head of sheep, 810 goats, 87 mules, 66 horses. In 1913 exports were made up of 1,661 head of cattle, 1,147 sheep, 2,009 goats, 37 mules, 31 horses. In November of the present year the special law exempting from taxation for a limited time the products of the mining industry expires, reviving, in the absence of legislation to the contrary, the previous laws. The superior mining board of Lima has taken steps looking to the preparation of a bill for submission to Congress dealing with this question in an equitable manner, and has called public meetings of mine owners to discuss the subject and formulate recommendations.

The wharf at Salaverry has been leased by the government of Peru to the Peruvian Corporation, Limited, for a period of 25 years. The wharf will be repaired, extended, and operated in connection with the railway. The government of Peru has established a consulate in Cleveland, Ohio, and has assigned Hugo E. Varga to that important post. According to statistics published in Iquitos the exports of rubber through that port in 1914 aggregated 622,704 kilos. The National School of Arts and Crafts of Lima, has reorganized its electric department and arranged for a complete course of practical instruction in that important branch of the school's curriculum extending over a period of two years. The object of the school is to teach the industrial use of electricity in a thorough and practical manner, so that graduates of the institution will be able to use their knowledge for useful purposes and in developing the natural resources of the country.

The statue in honor of Grand Marshal Ramon Castilla, a Peruvian patriot, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies in Merced Park, Lima, on June 8. The statue is the work of the Peruvian sculptor, David Lozano. The steamer which ply between Puno, Peru, and Guayaquil, Bolivia, now run but once a week, leaving Puno on Sunday nights after the arrival of the train from Arequipa. The traffic at the present time consists largely of passengers, much of the through freight which formerly came over this route going to La Paz via Arica, and avoiding in this manner transshipments at Puno and Guayaquil. It is reported that the Peruvian company proposes to extend its lines in the near future from Puno to Desaguadero, thereby obtaining an all-rail route from Mollendo to La Paz and shortening the distance from Puno to Guayaquil 57 kilometers. From Puno to Guayaquil by water is 237 kilometers and from Puno to Desaguadero, by the proposed rail route, 150 kilometers.

The central school for nurses has been established in Dos de Mayo Hospital, Lima, by the Society of Public Charity of the Federal Capital. The teacher in charge of practical instruction is Miss E. Carner, an American graduate nurse. The pan-American committee of Peru has been reorganized as follows: Dr. Eugenio Larrañaga y Unzué, Dr. Ramon Ribeyro, Dr. Jose Antonio de La-Valle, Dr. Anselmo V. Barreto, and ex-officio to minister of foreign affairs. The Chamber of Commerce of Arequipa has been authorized to coin up to \$6,000 sole to be placed in circulation in that city. (From the Bulletin of the Pan-American Union.)

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